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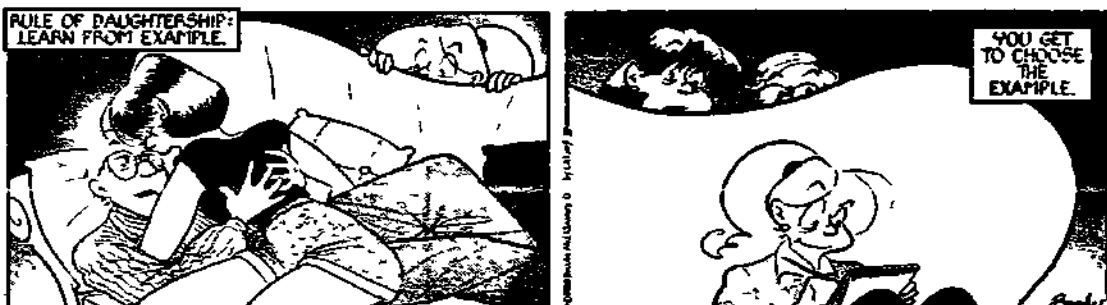
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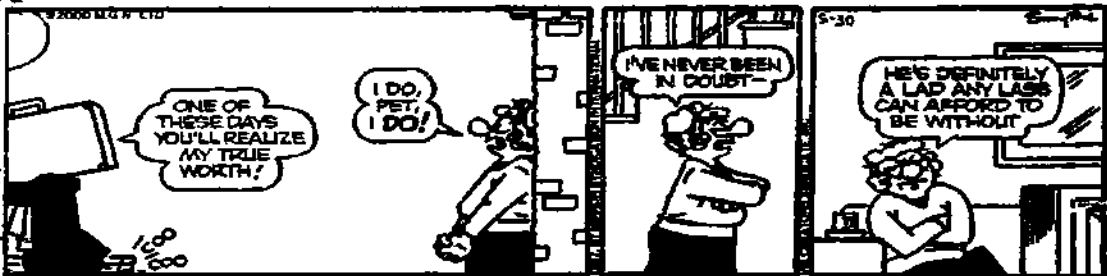
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



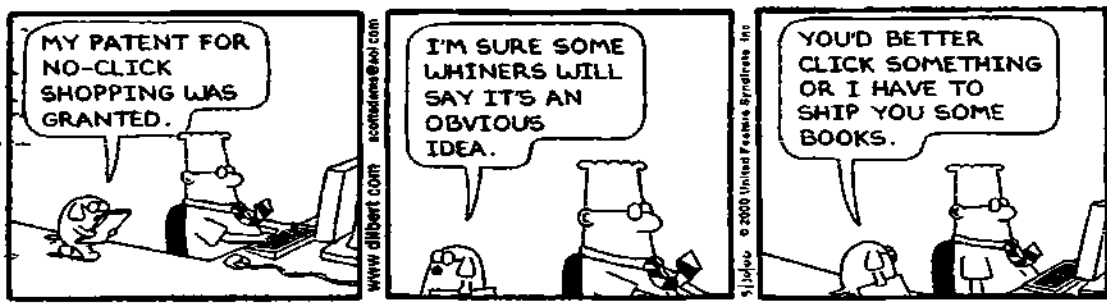
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



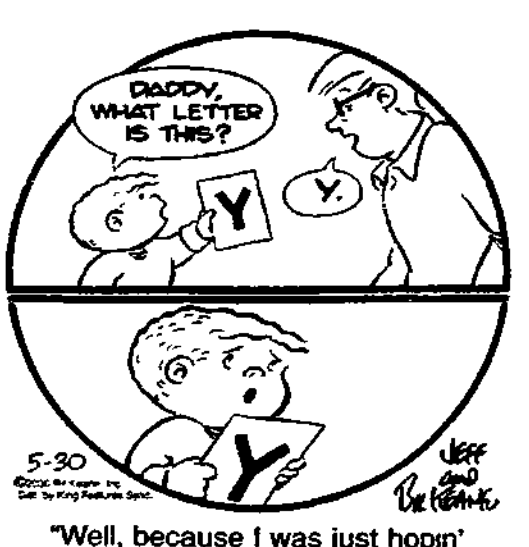
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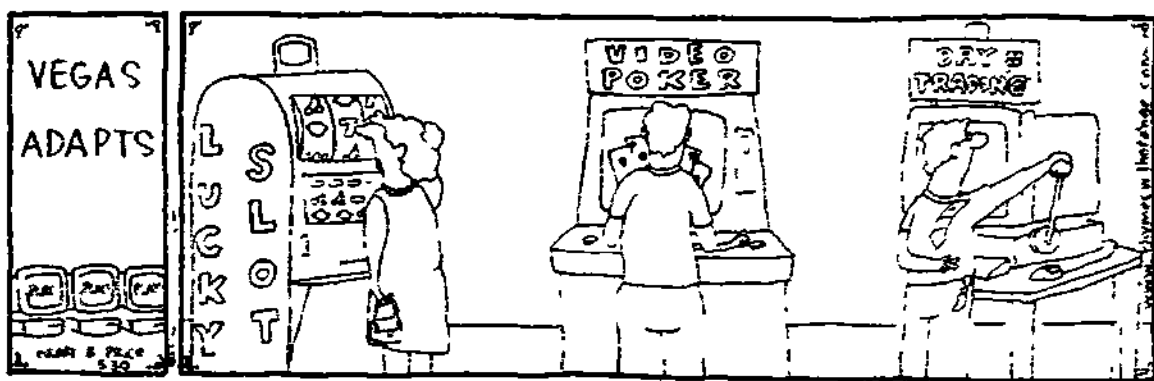
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



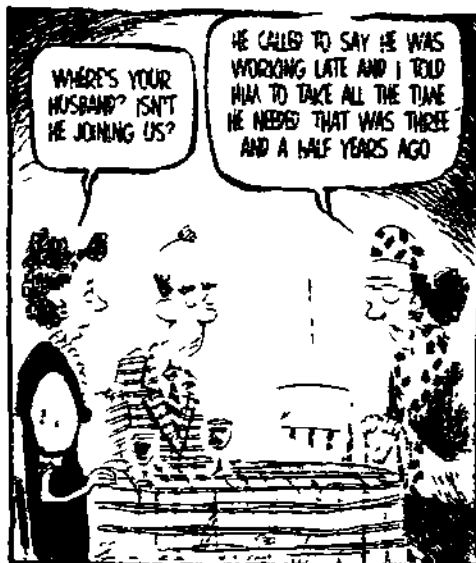
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country musician Johnny Gimble is 74 Actor Clint Walker is 73 Actress Ruta Lee is 64 Actor Michael J. Pollard is 61 Actor Colm Meaney is 47 Actor Ted McGinley is 42 Actor Ralph Carter is 39 Country singer Wynonna is 36 Rock musician Tom Morello (Rage Against The Machine) is 36 Rock musician Patrick Doherty (Live) is 29

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE word game section with racks and directions.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

PATS

WKHDAXURPMJGDAX VSQNKINFDA XVTO NMJHFCKEAYWYURP NOLJHFDCSBENZXR VKSUMMERALLATHE RNATQOAMIBUNSR T KI IJRTHRFDEABET ZXYWAEVNTNCHPWU TORNQSBWOTOCTSB YNEHTEMONLUKNF I BHFDCBDRABZB XAO

Monday's unlisted clue: DION Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: FORMER FIRST LADY

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, May 31 ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Have some fun by doing something spontaneous. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your normal routine is disrupted by the presence of the Taurus moon. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There is a lot to be gained by grabbing the bull by the horns. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) No matter what the circumstances, do your best to remain calm. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might meet someone today who could have a big impact on the rest of your life. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A hard day at work is further complicated by a co-worker who insists on interrupting you every five minutes. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A negative attitude is the only thing that stands in the way of success. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid conflict at all costs. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Life seems like it's all fun and games. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't do anything to put yourself in danger. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You find yourself doing something good for someone in the heat of the moment. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A haze surrounds you as you try to accomplish various tasks.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff East takes his two top diamonds and must choose a switch. The black suits will appeal to most, and many would choose a club. In theory, if the defenders have spade trumps coming, they are unlikely to disappear. However, if South has club losers they might go on dummy's spades. Unfortunately, neither switch will bring success. If East leads clubs (a spade switch makes it easier) South wins his ace and leads a spade to dummy's ace to ruff a spade high. Two more trump leads to dummy and two more spade ruffs establish dummy's fifth spade. Finally, a third trump lead to dummy gives South a discard, and the defenders win only three tricks. The winning shift at trick three is difficult to spot. To see it, East must recognize dummy's spades as the primary threat. And to neutralize this threat, East must lead a trump at trick three. This stirring switch removes a dummy entry prematurely, and South can no longer establish and cash dummy's fifth spade. As a consequence, South must lose two diamonds and two clubs, going one down instead of scoring his vulnerable game.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

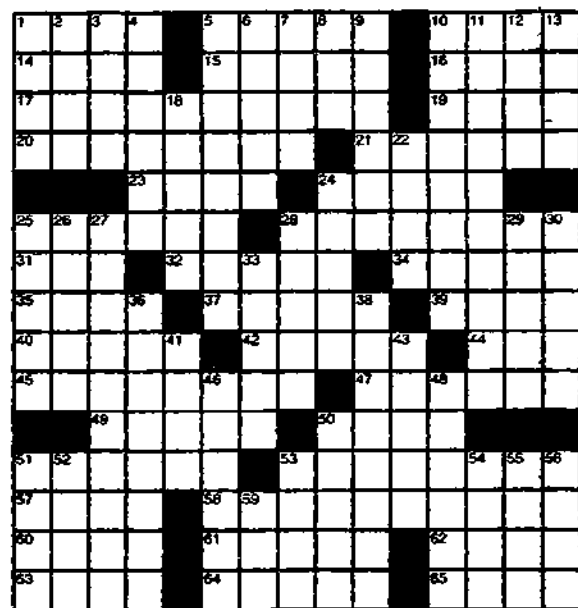
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- ACROSS 1 Joust verbally 5 Tiny amounts 10 Letters stamped on meat 14 Lofly 15 Like seven Ryan games 16 Tidy 17 "So long" 19 Long hauler 20 Emergency fund, of sorts 21 Key in again 23 Melville's Billy 24 English actress Dame Johnson 25 Day before tomorrow 28 Readers' haven 31 Writer Tan 32 Largest country in Africa 34 Go rollerblading 35 Coral construction 37 Slow, in music 39 Leave speechless 40 Monastery head 42 Most 'N Sync fans 44 Before, in poetry 45 Rural outings 47 Crown's makeup, in the Bible 49 Fished for congers 50 Cold-shoulder 51 Make a mummy of 53 Halloween hanging 57 When doubled, a Jim Carrey film 58 "Ta-ta" 60 Warhead camer, for short 61 Twangy, as a voice 62 Singer Guthrie 63 Simon 64 How some jokes are delivered 65 Not 'e'en once

- DOWN 1 Leveling wedge 2 Strong cotton 3 Sternbeck's "To Unknown" 4 Cuban dance 5 Quick, as a convenience store stop 6 and aahed 7 "went thataway" 8 Auto option, informally 9 Sound system 10 Frees, as a dresser drawer 11 "Ciao" 12 Wetish 13 End in 18 Track upstpers 22 Fraternal fellows 24 N.F.L. coach Don

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JESSE PABLO PTA INKIN SPRAT URN ROUNDOOTHO PUN ALLSET SWEETPEA DAK ART XRAY PROUST SILKS WADE BRIEF LONE IRON ENERO EVEN SIGN SEVER NEED PAPA RESEED AWAS AIR ERR MADEROOM GOALIE OLD MUTTANDJEFF SOL USING EAGLE TEE PASSE DRYER



25 Singer Vaughan 26 Tiny center 27 "Toodle-oo" 28 Reveals 29 Complete switch 30 Elaine ("Seinfeld" role) 33 Went out with 35 Popeye has big ones 38 Furtively 41 Pull a plow 43 N.F.L. coach Don 46 Supply's partner 48 Kind of band 50 Scandinavian "Salud" 51 Whitney and Wallach 52 Easily split stuff 53 Senior's emotive yes 54 Poop out 55 Make eyes at 56 Koh-r-diamond 59 Patotic soc

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